

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
WESTERN DIVISION

No. 5:04-CR-00252-F-1

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

LOUIS McDADE,

Defendant.

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ORDER

This matter is before the court on Louis McDade's Motion Seeking Relief [DE-109]. In his motion, McDade argues that he is entitled to relief under *Johnson v. United States*, 135 S. Ct. 2551 (2015). *Id.* at 1.

The court concludes that McDade is attempting to litigate a claim more appropriately raised in a motion to vacate pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255. *See United States v. Winestock*, 340 F.3d 200, 203 (4th Cir. 2003) (stating that district courts are bound to "classify *pro se* pleadings from prisoners according to their contents, without regard to their captions."). McDade previously filed a § 2255 that was denied. *See* June 9, 2016 Order [DE-107]. Thus, McDade's motion is a second or successive § 2255 motion.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3)(A), "[b]efore a second or successive application permitted by this section is filed in the district court, the applicant shall move in the appropriate court of appeals for an order authorizing the district court to consider the application." In this case, McDade must first obtain an order from the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals before this court will consider any successive petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2255.

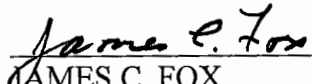
McDade has provided no evidence that he has secured the necessary authorization from

the Fourth Circuit. Consequently, this court is without jurisdiction to consider McDade's motion seeking collateral relief, and therefore, his Motion [DE-109] must be DISMISSED as successive.

Pursuant to Rule 11(a) of the Rules Governing Section 2255 Proceedings, the court declines to issue a certificate of appealability. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2) (A certificate of appealability will not issue unless there has been "a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right."); *Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000) (Where a court has rejected the constitutional claims on their merits, a petitioner must demonstrate that reasonable jurists would find that the court's assessment of the constitutional claims is debatable or wrong, but when a court denies relief on procedural grounds, the petitioner must demonstrate that jurists of reason would find it debatable whether the court's procedural ruling was correct.).

SO ORDERED.

This the 4 day of November, 2016.

  
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JAMES C. FOX  
Senior United States District Judge